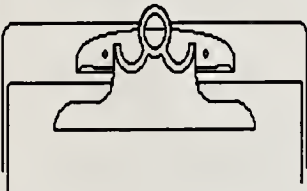


Saint Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Indiana

Editor's News Notes



- THIS MONTH: BLACK HISTORY MONTH

- Sunday, Feb. 21:
Don't Slurp Your Soup dinner seminar, in the Ballroom at 6pm

- Monday, Feb. 22:
SJC Band Concert in the Ballroom at 7pm

- Wednesday, Feb. 24: Senior Resumes Due for Careerfest '99, *Don't Slurp Your Soup* dinner seminar in the Ballroom at 6pm

- Sunday, Feb. 28:
Stations of the Cross at 8:30pm in the Chapel

- Monday, Mar. 1:
NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

- Monday, Mar. 1 - Friday, Mar. 5: Kairos Registration this week

- Saturday, Mar. 6 - Sunday, Mar. 14:
HAVE A SAFE SPRING BREAK!

* If anyone would like a meeting or event to appear in the Editor's News Notes, you can e-mail Maura Giles with the name, time, and place.

Victims Have Somewhere to Go

—by Sara Post—

Although not an entirely new program to the SJC campus, the rape advocate program has had a significant number of new members this school year. The group, led by Lori Bolden, has about 12 members from the campus community who have agreed to volunteer their time to help in the event that a rape should occur on campus.

"The advocacy is important because it provides support, and somewhere for a person to turn among their peers. People won't feel so trapped," says Megan Taylor, a member of the group who hopes that the help the service provides won't be overlooked.

The St. Joe program was set up as a smaller branch serving the Jasper County Hospital S.A.F.E.R. program (Sexual Assault Factual Education for Resistance.) Cheryl Querry, a nurse from the hospital

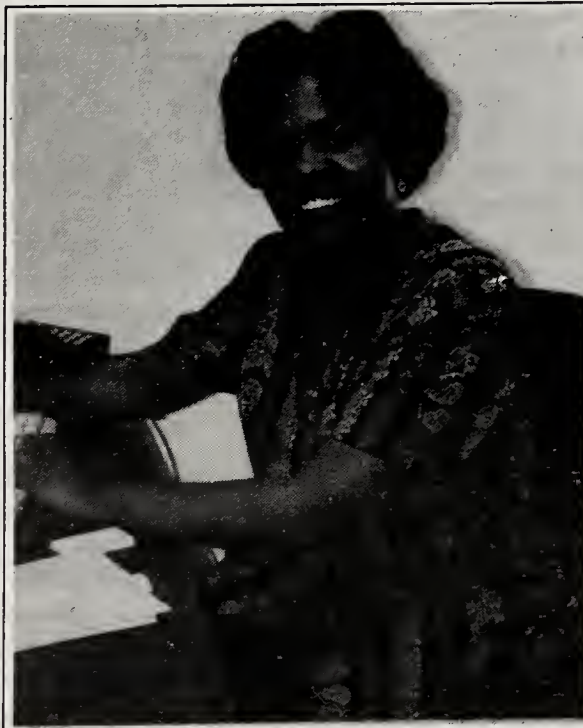


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Lori Bolden, featured on page four, is the SJC Academic Service Coordinator and is also the head of the advocacy program.

is the coordinator of the branch on campus and works with the girls to understand every part of being an advocate. The 12 members attended a three hour meeting to acquaint them with the process of aiding a victim. They were instructed on how to conduct themselves in the event that a rape occurs, and told how to go about getting to the hospital and alerting the police. They also went on a tour of the hospital ER and are currently going through a process of interviews to fully become an advocate.

Each member is responsible for carrying the advocate beeper during their shift and responding to any calls made to the beeper. They are also responsible for providing confidentiality and support to any victims who need help. The number for the service, which is provided 24 hours a day 7 days a week, is 888-678-2005.

Kairos XXVI: A Fun and Rewarding Experience

—by Maura Giles—

For the next week Saint Joseph's College will be registering students for Kairos XXVI. (The XXVI marks the 26th semester of Kairos at Saint Joseph's College.) Kairos is a spiritual retreat that allows people of all denominations to deepen their beliefs through meditation, reflection, renewal, and through witness. Kairos is a time to reassess your faith and put your values in order. "It is a very rewarding and fun experience," states Professor Rob Reuter. "This retreat is for all levels of faith. It is for those with serious doubts about their faith, to those with a strong faith who are looking for a renewal, or just looking for fellowship with other students and a

couple faculty members."

Kairos is a four-day event that is held every semester at a retreat center in Hammond, IN. The group that makes up the Kairos team usually consists of eight student leaders who have previously attended Kairos, two faculty or staff leaders from Saint Joseph's, two student cooks to help Steve Santo, and one married couple also from Saint Joseph's. The retreat begins on a Thursday evening and concludes on Sunday in the late afternoon. This semester Kairos will be held on the weekend of Mar. 25-Mar. 28.

Registration forms are available outside of the Campus Ministry office in Halleck, or you can contact

Brother Tim Hemm or Mike Nichols (the Student Rector for the retreat). There will also be a sign-up table outside the cafeteria on February 22, 23, and 24. The reg-

istration forms can be turned in to the Campus Ministry office, cafeteria sign-up table, or to Bro. Tim or Mike Nichols.

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SPEAK UP!

Make your voice heard! Talk to your Senate Representative about issues that are affecting you. They don't know what you think unless you tell them!

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"The best thing you've got going for you is your willingness to humiliate yourself."

-Simon

— by Lisa Phillips —

This line from the movie, *As Good as it Gets*, cracked me up. I admit, I didn't really think about it at first. But I watched the movie again awhile ago and realized something. "Willingness to humiliate yourself" is the best thing anyone has going for them. It sounds pretty crappy, I know, humiliation not being one of the most sought after of emotions; but it's just about taking chances. Sometimes it works out. Sometimes it doesn't.

Too many people are stuck in a rut, doing just what is necessary to get by. We come to school with dreams of grandeur, hoping in our heart of hearts to become something real, something special. But it's easy to get caught up in the day to day stuff. Papers, Core reading, professors, deadlines and schedules combine to produce the opposite of the desired effect. We're hoping to become strong individuals, but we end up just following the crowd, or watching the action instead of participating.

I'm not saying, however, that people at SJC don't do anything. On the contrary,

some of the people here are extremely active on campus and off, but I would suggest that they are a minority. It's a strange phenomenon, but it seems like it's all the same people doing everything. That's bad because eventu-

EVERYBODY HAS ISSUES WITH THIS CAMPUS. THERE ARE THINGS WRONG WITH THIS SCHOOL.

ally those people suffer from burnout or, strangely enough, graduate, and their contributions begin to fade out again.

I can't count the number of times I've heard the phrase "there's nothing to do on this campus." Sometimes it's true, but I think that we, as students, have a lot more to do with this than anyone else. Almost every time I've approached a staff or faculty member with an idea I've gotten a positive response. That's not to say that any club idea or change of policy can be implemented (too bad, no throwing out dorm fines or putting a liquor store in

Bennet), but the great thing about this school is that students can really make a difference here. If you need proof, look at Cup O' Joe, Bread for the World, SUB, Student Senate, Campus Ministry, Habitat for Humanity and The Environmental Club, for starters.

Everybody has issues with this campus. There are things wrong with this school. Nobody said it was perfect. I'm sure, given some time, anyone could come up with a valid list of grievances. I say, stop talking about it over lunch and stick your neck out. Be willing to work toward change.

There is a lot to be gained by taking a chance and getting involved, aside from a nice resume. You meet people that can profoundly affect your life. You become aware of how things work. You learn to compromise when necessary and stand your ground when it's important. But overall, you discover that you're not alone and you can make things better--this is not as good as it gets.

Quotes To Remember

You can't just rewrite history due to lack of evidence.

-Professor Olson

The trouble with life isn't that there is no answer, it's that there are so many answers.

-Ruth Benedict (aka Anne Singleton)

Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage.

-Anais Nin

When I think about my life, I am sure I will not arrive at an old age. But I would rather sing one day as a lion than a hundred years as a sheep.

-Cecelia Bartoli (An Italian mezzo-soprano)

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MSU Celebrates Black History Month

—by Sarah Stipher—

This month, the Minority Student Union (MSU) is acknowledging the rich history of African-Americans. February is black history month and MSU has planned many exciting events for students and faculty. For example, on February 17, an educational documentation entitled "Color Adjustment" (that deals with the changing perception and the race relations on prime time television) was shown in the Courtney Auditorium and there was a discussion to follow. On the twentieth, a celebration of African-American heritage will

take place in Puma room 100. Don't miss US Attorney Lesa Jackson. She will be on-campus the twenty-fifth. She will be speaking on ways to overcome adversity.

Don't miss the cards depicting famous African-Americans in the lobby of the Core building. You'll find out about such prominent people like inventor Lewis Temple, who improved the whale industry with his invention of the harpoon, or Aerospace technologist Katherine Johnson, a pioneer in new navigation procedures.

You too can learn more about black history this month and at the same time help support MSU by attending some of their activities.

SJC OBSERVES LENT



Campus Ministry will use the song, "Hold Us in Your Mercy," to unify SJC's celebration of Lent this year. This theme is suitable for the Lenten season. Lent is a special time of preparation before Easter in which people are able to examine their lives to see if they have been living as Jesus did.

"Hold Us in Your Mercy" is very appropriate for the time because after self-examination, most people begin to start anew and make sort of "New Year's resolutions." Lent is a time of repentance and reconciliation.

Here on campus, Lent will be observed with the help of the following events: Ash Wednesday, Feb 17, @ 4:30 and 9:00 pm; Mass and distribution of ashes in the College Chapel

Tuesday, Feb 24, @ 9:00 pm; Candlelight Way of the Cross will be held in the SJC Grotto

Sunday, Feb 28, @ 8:30 pm; Traditional Stations of the Cross will be held in the College Chapel

Tuesday, Mar 16, @ 7:00 pm; Unity Celebration of Faith will be held in the College Chapel

Tuesday, Mar 23, @ 9 pm; Communal celebration of Reconciliation will be held in the College Chapel

Wednesday, Mar 31, @ 8:00 pm; Service of Shadows will be held in the College Chapel

Campus is as Safe as You Make it

Campus safety depends on everyone. The right attitudes and actions can help protect you, your belongings, fellow students, and your campus.

The following are a few tips for you to protect yourself and your belongings, in order to make your campus a safer place for all.

PROTECT YOURSELF - Use common sense when walking or jogging. Always try to stay near street lights. Avoid shortcuts that lead you into dark or isolated areas. Whenever possible, try to go with someone. There is safety in numbers. If you ever feel that you are being followed, change direction and keep looking back so as to show you cannot be surprised. Go into a well-lighted area or enter a building or a residence hall - wherever there are people! Try to remember as much about the description of the suspicious person(s) and report this immediately to Campus Security. Always report any suspicious activity you may notice to Campus Security as it could possibly save someone else from trouble.

PROTECT YOUR BELONGINGS - Theft is a crime that is not uncommon at any college campus. To better protect your belongings, follow the tips. First and foremost, lock your door at all times. Make a list of your valuables and keep it in a safe place (including an exact description and any serial numbers). Engraving initials on valuables is also a good idea. Don't leave your belongings (books, backpacks, calculators, etc.) unattended in the library, the classrooms, or the hallways. Always lock your bike up when you leave it (through wheels and the frame if possible). Always lock your car and if you have valuables inside of the car, lock them in the trunk so a thief is not tempted by seeing them inside.

Remember that campus vandalism and theft **end up costing you!** Damage and theft raise educational costs, and students are the ones that pay for those increases. Be alert for the following:

VANDALISM: Destruction of property can interrupt your learning and social life. Report any instances of vandalism to Campus Security immediately. Destroying property is not only illegal, it is also very costly!

THEFT: Anyone who steals equipment, furniture, or books from campus is actually stealing from YOU! Everyone deserves the right to use school facilities at their best. Remember - keeping quiet about theft doesn't pay. . . it costs!

FALSE FIRE ALARMS: They endanger everyone and increase the cost of fire protection. A fire alarm is NOT a joke - it's a crime!

A safe campus is everyone's responsibility! Do your part to protect yourself and others by being: **Alert** for safety hazards and campus crime. **Safety-conscious** in your residence hall and everywhere on campus. **In-the-know** about alcohol, other drugs, safety precautions, and emergency procedures. Last but not least, always report any suspicious people or activities to Campus Security as soon as possible.

This information has been provided by the Department of Security and Safety.

Lori Bolden Lends a Helping Hand to SJC

by Zac Pala

Lori Bolden is the newest member of the Counseling and Career Services department at SJC. Bolden serves as the Academic Services Coordinator, and carries out a number of

duties. "I've got a lot on my plate with respect to my job responsibilities, but there is still room for creativity and pursuing interests that I find to be particularly meaningful," stated Bolden.

Bolden's primary function is to coordinate and run the Freshmen Academic Support Program (FASP). This task entails Bolden interacting with freshmen on a weekly basis to discuss and assess their all around progress during their first semester in college.

Another one of Bolden's duties is to work with students who are

on academic probation to improve their grades. "I am responsible for making sure that students are developing a plan-of-action for the semester to improve their grades," said Bolden.

In addition to, and as an aspect of the FASP project, Bolden teaches a study skills course during the fall semester. Besides all of these duties, Bolden can be contacted for any type of counseling by all of the SJC community. "I am also available for personal or academic counseling for the SJC population," stated Bolden.

Bolden came to SJC after graduating from the University of Virginia, with a Master's degree in counselor education. She has been the Academic Services Coordinator for approximately five months, and chose to come to SJC for the experience and the chance to begin a meaningful career.

According to Bolden, "I want to bring a new energy to SJC." She believes that people dis-

cover a great deal about themselves, other people, and communication skills, during their college experience, and her job allows her to aid them in this learning process. "College is a time for people to learn a lot about themselves via their education and their interactions with fellow students. I hope to facilitate that process," exclaimed Bolden.

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- Lori Bolden

Currently, Bolden is working with the Women's Issue Group at SJC. She plans to start conducting bi-monthly meetings schedule to discuss not merely women oriented issues, but everyday, people issues.

"We'll be talking about topics facing college students today, as well as any other questions or concerns that people bring to our meetings," informed Bolden.

Both men and women are invited to these meetings, and Bolden is also planning to conduct a Self-Defense Workshop during the next few weeks. Flyers will be posted to promote and create awareness about this activity in the near future. In addition to all of this, Bolden also works with the SJC Sexual Assault Victim's Advocates. This group is made up of SJC students who are available on call 24 hours a day to deal with the problems of victimized students.

Because Bolden is given the chance to be in constant contact with students she is very pleased with her job thus far. "The people that have been strolling through my office have been great. So as long as that continues, I don't think I'll be having any complaints," said Bolden.

Get Your Donuts at Daryl's

by Lisa Phillips

The smell of freshly baked donuts and cinnamon rolls fills the air. A quiet murmur of voices and newspaper pages turning draws me comfortably into my seat. The menu, with the unobtrusive heading "Daryl's Pastry Shop," is a laminated card that sits on the table next to an actual pitcher of water. Everything listed is under three dollars.

It's eight o'clock on a Thursday morning, but already there is a modest group of regulars ordering coffee and talking quietly. The donut selection is small this morning. They close early on Thursdays so they don't make as many as usual. My dining companion, who suggested Daryl's, is disappointed, "They usually have the best cream-filled donuts in town."

I chuckle to myself and order a cinnamon roll and a hot chocolate. The steaming cinnamon roll is a little piece of heaven on wax paper, as rolls so often are on chilly Rensselaer mornings. Looking around me, I notice the courthouse outside the front window, and a calming, attractive motif throughout the small but well-equipped restaurant/bakery. I take a drink of the hot chocolate, never fathoming what awaits me. At first I'm not sure what liquid is in the cup. I sit, pondering the creamy brown liquid, with a puzzled and surprised expression. I take another drink to confirm my suspicions. It is what hot chocolate is SUPPOSED to taste like; not powdery or clumpy, just chocolate and perfect. It is the best hot chocolate I've ever had in my life.

The waitress is apologetic, "If your roll isn't good, I can get you something else," she offers. I just smile and nod her away. My eyes take in my surroundings, so far away from the cafeteria trays, the automatic dispensers, and the rowdy college crowd. I feel comfortable, sipping on my hot chocolate and savoring my breakfast.

You can visit Daryl's
Pastry Shop at:
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Why They Still Come...

Young Practicing Catholics at SJC Speak on Why the Church is so Important in Their Lives

by Chris Gibson

"Everyday of my life is a religious experience," says Ellen Roland, a Puma freshman. I interview her on her shift at Cup of Joe's in the basement of Saint Joe's Chapel just the other night, and despite her bronchitis, Roland proved as eager to talk as she was to work.

"I don't think there is a day that goes by that I don't meet someone new and learn from that person and their life experience.

When asked why she still goes to Church now that she is away from family and home, when so many other students raised Catholic have

either grown lax or no longer believe in the faith they were raised in, Ellen says, simply, "It makes me happy. I feel it's important to share my faith with others, and pray to God in His house." Ellen feels that going to church is a way of showing that faith, A way of "Reinforcing the values I try to live by everyday."

We have educated a hierarchy of theologians to teach Scripture, but as one body (the Church) we should all work to interpret it.

"Being a Catholic to me... on a personal level, is having a strong relationship with God, being able to place my trust, praise and strife in his hands. I think it's important for everyone to define their own relationship with God and the Church.

When asked if she is religious, Ellen begins by saying, "Yes," then stops and tells me, "That's not the right question. Reporters are never supposed to ask yes or no questions. The question you're supposed to ask is, 'How do you think of yourself as religious?'" And after restating the question herself, Roland sets out to answer it, "I'm religious and i rely on God to give me the understanding to live everyday of my life and i hope other people will see that in me." to those who are not Christian or do not even believe in a God, Ellen says, "I don't think that I would preach insofar as saying the way that I worship and pray is the right way. But I would hope they would be respectful of the way I worship God."

Over the course of the interview, the word praise figured prominently in what Ellen had to say, and I asked her about the importance of praise and prayer in her life.

"for me it is important to praise God in the Church because it not only shows my respect for these, but it also gives me a foundation for building a stronger relationship with God.

"I constantly have to remind myself that God's not just around in the bad times. Developing a more constant relationship with him through prayer, I am able to more easily recognize his Presence in everyday living.

"We are called to be one Body in Christ," says Senior, Stephen Giles, "and in going to Church we are all participating in that mystical communion."

Giles admits "I've been angry with God... or frustrated with him." After a time out from the Church, Steve is starting to attend the Mass again. "In the last year I've been more... talking to God on my own." says Steve. Faith has not been an easy or sunny path for him, "I've doubted the existence of God," he says when asked. Steve says he did doubt the divinity of Christ, and before he could again believe in his family's faith, "I had to check." of blind faith, Steve says, "That's gossip, not faith."

Stephen is a philosophy-religion major, and education and logic



Chris Gibson has plans to show us all why religion is important in all of our lives through a religion column, which will be featured in each issue of *The Observer*.

Photo by TJ Szerencse

are major parts of his Catholicism. He speaks about the place of Scripture in his life, Scripture and exposition's place in the life of the Church. "We have educated a hierarchy of theologians to teach Scripture, But as one body (the Church) we should all work to interpret it.

"I'm actually kind of selfish and go to God like he's a big Tylenol. I don't think I read enough Scripture... but I don't think anyone can read too much. I don't think anyone knows it as much as they ought to."

When asked what it means to be a Catholic, Steve answers, "A practicing Catholic is someone who follows the teachings of the Catholic Church. If you do not uphold the guidelines of the Catechism... as far as I know... if you do not uphold one of those rules, you are not fully Catholic.

But as to the issue of sin, Steve admits, "I do it all the time."

What's Love Got to Do with It Anyway?

by Melinda Burdan

There it goes another Valentine's Day down the tubes. This does not overly upset me, but to some it can be rather disturbing. I used to think of Valentine's Day as a day when people who were married or had the comfort of a significant other got to spend the whole day together and every single person on Earth was jealous of them. This year I experienced something else. Everyone around me was busy keeping the plans that they had made weeks ago, while I opted to fly solo. This could sound really depressing, but for me it proved to be quite enlightening.

When I rolled over and realized that it had finally hit the most dreaded Hallmark holiday ever, I didn't even want to get out of bed. Then I began to think of all the things that I could do. I could get up, or I could stay in bed. I could go to the mall, I could go home. I could try to impress someone, or I could be myself and leave the rest of the world alone. It didn't matter because I was an independent person, who didn't have to answer to anyone. The point to this whole article is that instead of thinking of Valentine's Day as a day for couples, maybe it should also be considered a day for singles. After all, if you don't love yourself, who do you think is going to love you?



MINELLI STEPS DOWN AS SJC'S HEAD SOCCER COACH

—by Joe Danahey—

Saint Joseph's College Athletic Director Marty Smith has announced the resignation of SJC's Head Soccer Coach Mike Minelli effective immediately. Minelli has been in charge of the Men's Soccer Program since 1986 and he started the women's soccer program in 1988.

"I look forward to other opportunities in coaching," said Minelli. Minelli's career record at the helm of the women's soccer program

was 131-78-14. The [lady] Pumas were NCAA Division II semifinalists in 1996 and for the past three years were ranked in the top 20 in the nation. Minelli also guided

the Pumas to two straight Great Lakes Valley Conference Championships and appearances in the

NCAA Division II Tournament. This past season was the first in three years that Saint Joseph's College did not receive a bid to the NCAA's nor were GLVC Champions.

"Coach Minelli has done a fine job...here at St. Joseph's College," said Marty Smith.

In 1996, Minelli was named National Soccer Coach of the Year.

letic Association Coach of the Year for Division II. Minelli also guided the men's soccer program to a 109-121-12 overall record in the twelve years at the helm of the Pumas. In 1997, he was named GLVC's Men's Coach of the Year.

"Coach Minelli has done a fine job of establishing a strong soccer program and tradition here at Saint Joseph's College," said SJC Athletic Director Marty Smith. "He will be missed

and we look forward to the new challenges awaiting our soccer program."

The search for Coach Minelli's replacement has already begun.

Good Luck in the Future!!

FIVE MINUTES TURN PUMA'S GAME AROUND

—by TJ Szerencse—

Inside, outside, upside down. No, it's not a Dr. Seuss book, but an accurate description of the Puma Men's basketball 98-79 loss against the nationally ranked University of Southern Indiana, Saturday, February 6.

The Pumas could not contain USI's outside shooting, and for five minutes in the beginning of the second half, had a difficult time stopping the Screaming Eagles rebounding as well. Combining the two resulted in overturning one of the best efforts the Puma Men's team had displayed all year.

After the first half of play, the Pumas were trailing USI

by only five points, and except for the opening five minutes of the second half, the Pumas continued to improve on their game. Field goal shooting increased from 39.5% to 46.7% and five Pumas scored in double digits. Brent Mason, Brandon Yates, Andy Anasinski, Goldie Ashford, and Greg Taylor combined for 66 of Saint Joseph's 79 points.

Despite these herculean efforts, the Pumas could not stop the 11th-ranked USI Screaming Eagle team, who outscored the Pumas 27-11 in the first five minutes of the second half, and edged out the Saint Joe team 42-41 for the game.



Pumas fight hard against Southern Indiana.

photo by Charles Martin

Falling Into Place

information provided by Joe Danahey

The men/women's indoor track teams participated in the Laker Open this past Saturday in Allendale, Michigan on the campus of Grand Valley State University. The men finished tied for second with 102 points with Grand Valley State while Northwood won the invite with 123 points. The women finished in third place with 103.5 points. Ferris State won the invite with 140.5 with Grand Valley State finishing in second with 114.

Top Five Finishers for SJC in their respective events:

Justin Evans	4th	55 Hurdles
Greg Lane	1st	Long Jump
Derek Boss	2nd	Long Jump
Josh Hughes	3rd	Long Jump
Shannon Kline	3rd	Long Jump
Jared Weller	4th	3000
Matt Stout	5th	3000
Joe Koczan	4th	Shot Put

Greg Myers	4th	Triple Jump
Aaron Thomas	2nd	Weight Throw
Gerry Taylor	3rd	Weight Throw
Tim Newman	1st	Mile
Greg Myers	Tied for third	High Jump
Becky Garza	4th	Weight Throw
Mindy Metzinger	1st	High Jump

Kelly Fink	Tied for third	High Jump
Becky Garza	3rd	Shot Put
Mindy Metzinger	5th	Triple Jump
Sara Flory	1st	5000
Holly Ann Stefaniak	3rd	3000
Shana Watt	5th	3000
Chrissy Scafide	4th	400
Teresa Gaura	4th	55

GAMES AHEAD

A VICTORY LONG OVERDUE

—by Jamie Riberto—

The women's basketball team defeated Indiana Purdue Fort Wayne in a suspenseful game that went into overtime at the buzzer. The Lady Pumas were able to score the win 78-75 to improve to 13-9 overall and 10-8 in the conference. The Lady Pumas were led by Angie Hupfer's 20 points and 16 rebounds and Tamara Bumpers 17 points, 9 rebounds, and 11 steals. Dawn Harvey also contributed 10 points to the victory.

The Lady Pumas have experienced some bumps in the road. The Pumas are coming off a four game losing streak. Coach Plett feels the team started off well at the beginning of the season but the shooting percentage has affected the team's performance the last few games.

"We got off to a good start and our confidence was high until we faced

some tough teams on the road. Our confidence went down and we have had a hard time gaining it back. We shot the ball really well the first ten games but these past few games our shooting percentage has not been as high. This has played into the losses the team has experienced," Plett commented.

Junior, Dawn Harvey is disappointed with how the team is playing but she feels that the team's performance thus far is comparable to last year's performance.

"We are a little disappointed with our losing streak these last couple of weeks. We have to keep in mind that this last game marked the same number of wins that we had last season. Although we were hoping to exceed where we are now, we still have improved from last year. We always seem to play smart near the end of the season and we are hoping that will continue this year. We are definitely in the tournament and we are planning on taking it one game at a time," Harvey expressed positively.

"Somethin' Like A Phenomenon...."

—by Bree Ma'Ayteh—

She was named to the All-Tournament Team at the Saginaw Valley Tip-Off Classic in November '98 at Saginaw Valley State University. She became the Women's Division II Bulletin Player of the month for December. She leads the nation in scoring, and had been named Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the week twice.

Who IS this basketball phenomenon? It is none other than St. Joe's Angie Hupfer, forward for the Pumas' Women's basketball team.

Angela Hupfer has been playing basketball at St. Joe since she was a freshman here, but her love for the game started way before her college years. "I grew up watching my older brother and sister play," she commented. "My whole family was into it."

Apparently it paid off, because the older Hupfer got, the better she got. Her talent eventually landed her a basketball scholarship to St. Joe, pulling her away from her home of Pendleton, Indiana. It didn't take long for her skills to shine through. The marketing major was named Freshmen Player of the Year. She names that as being her proudest accomplishment.

Not having too much free time

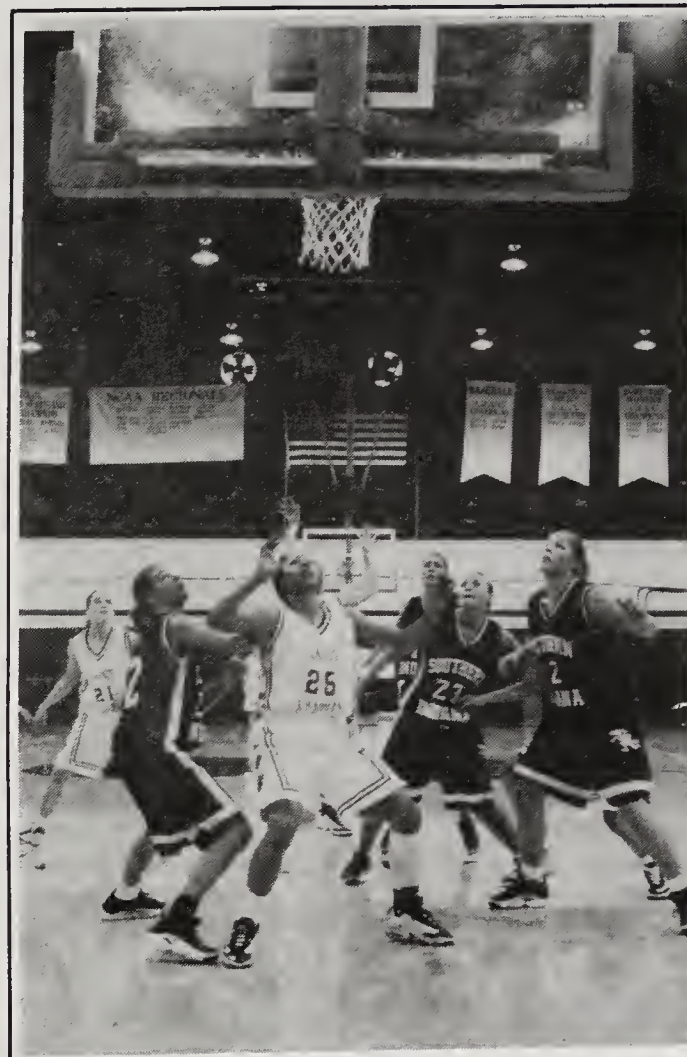
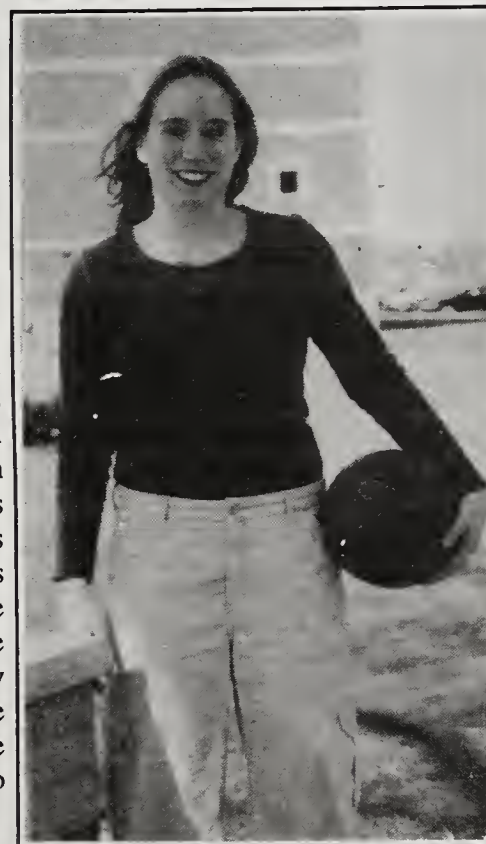


photo by Charles Martin
Tamara "Legz" Bumpers is in eager anticipation of the ball.

Angie Hupfer has been named GLVC Player of the Week twice.



As for after graduation, this junior isn't sure as to what she'd like to do. She mentioned the idea of joining a professional team. "I'd really

like to stick around in athletics," Hupfer stressed.

February 9

5:30 PM: Women's Basketball vs IPFW HOME

February 11

5:30 PM: Women's Basketball at Indianapolis

7:30 PM: Men's Basketball at Indianapolis

February 13

Indoor Track and Field at Grand Valley State

5:30 PM: Women's Basketball at Northern Kentucky

7:45 PM: Men's Basketball at Northern Kentucky

February 18

5:30 PM: Women's Basketball vs Wisconsin-Parkside HOME

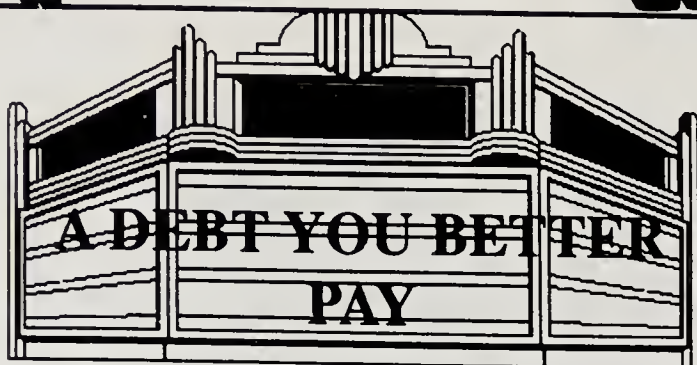
February 20

Indoor Track and Field Chicagoland Championships at Lewis University

1 PM: Women's Basketball vs Lewis University HOME

3 PM: Men's Basketball vs Lewis University HOME

GO PUMAS!



Don Shanahan



At the
Movies
with
Don!

Welcome again readers to another insightful movie review. Well, Valentine's Day has come and gone and I hope your weekend went well. I hope you gave in to a little romance and tried out the beautiful Message in a Bottle or the hip movies like Blast from the Past, She's

all That, or Simply Irresistible. Now it's back to the grim and gritty theme that commonly runs throughout the winter months in the movie theaters. Not everything is too dark, though, the movie I'm re-viewing for you puts some comedy on top of the violence. If you haven't guessed it already I'm talking about Payback starring action god Mel

Gibson and directed by the co-writer of L.A. Confidential and Conspiracy Theory.

First and foremost, let me just tell you one thing. This is not the teddy bear cute Mel Gibson of Forever Young and Bird on a Wire. This is the bad boy Mel Gibson of Braveheart and Mad Max. In Payback, Gibson is at his most ruthless and violent. He does not even smile, at all, period.

Payback follows the path of revenge of a small time thief messing with the big boys. Porter (Gibson), no first name or last name, just Porter,

wants revenge from his former partner, Val (Gregg Henry). Lowlife Val bribed and stole his wife away from him and also stole Porter's cut of their latest heist. That cut is \$70,000 of cool hard cash. Val jumps Porter, shoots him twice in the back and leaves him for dead. Little does everyone know that

he biting off more than he can chew? I'll leave that to you.

Like I said before, this is not a nice, happy, sunny-day kind of movie. You ladies that still think Mel Gibson is dreamy may have a change of heart. It is sinister and it is violent, but that's the fun of it. Every ruthless thing that happens is warranted and deserving for bad guys. The funny thing is Mel Gibson is one of them. That's

the beauty of it having bad guy versus bad guy. There's not an honest person in this movie and it works.

With that, Payback is a step above the usual action comedy. Sure there's some Lethal Weapon-esque parts, but most of it plays off like an urban Desperado or Unforgiven. It's a lot of fun, start to finish. This is a side of Mel Gibson that I like

Porter is still kicking.

Like a gunfighter out of a western, Porter returns to claim his prize, that same \$70,000, no more, no less. He starts beating and killing his way up the ladder of "the outfit," to get his money back. Unfortunately for the mobsters, no one seems to take Porter seriously. Big mistake. Porter gets his information and whacks everyone in his path. He runs into lots of hoods and crooked cops on his search. When he gets to the top, there are three key men, two lower bosses (William Devane and, the recently Oscar nominated, James Coburn) and the big man on top (Kris Kristofferson of Blade). Can Porter get his money back or is

much more than his Martin Riggs, Mad Max, or Brett Maverick. He makes a good bad guy. The supporting cast is top notch, too. Kristofferson, Henry, Devane, and especially James Coburn are hilarious in their turns as gangsters.

I know if you've read my movie reviews all year, that I seem to like every movie, but this one is truly fun for another "guy's night out" like before with Varsity Blues. I always try to write reviews for movies I like. A negative review, for many, is a waste of time. Anyway, Valentine's Day is over, so let loose, gentlemen. Watch a man's movie and give Payback a try. Don't forget to bring that \$70,000, too. Mel's waiting for it.

Today

I'm taking back what once was mine
I'm putting reason in my rhyme
I'll make significant the use of my time

Today

I'm gonna make myself to be
The kind of me I want to be
No more wanting fantasies

Today

There's more to life than what I've seen
What I've made dirty I can clean
All I've wanted I don't need

Today

I don't have to be alone
Or let emotions warm go cold
I can do and not be told

Today

I can make a difference now
Look Up when I'm feeling down
All these changes I'll allow

Today

Bree Ma'Ateh

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I blend with the woodwork, the stripped murky brown
I'm just like the man who smiles a frown
I feel like the duckling who can't be a swan
Compare me to a lightswitch that's never been turned on

I'm always in love with the ones that I lose
My feet never end up in comfortable shoes
I don't cry the tears that were meant for my eyes
Efforts get medals, but rarely the prize

I sit in my room and it swallows me whole
A pain in my heart and a shot to my soul
A pen's my companion, and paper my guide
With their help I purge all the feelings I hide

The world is a cherry and I am the pit
A piece of the puzzle that doesn't quite fit
Alone in my closet I'll sit and stand by
Long for what isn't and cry for what's mine

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For our next issue, The Observer is planning a commemorative issue to honor Saint Joseph's feast day. We are looking for any poems or short stories you would be willing to contribute. Please send your submissions via e-mail to Lisa Phillips by February 26. Thank you.